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#### PART IV-C

**Statutory Rules and Orders (Other than those published in Parts I, I-A and I-L)  
made by Statutory Authorities other than the Government of Gujarat  
including those made by the Government of India, the High Courts, the  
Director of Municipalities, the Commissioner of Police, the Director of  
Prohibition and Excise, the District Magistrates and the Election  
Commission, Election Tribunals, Returning Officers and other  
authorities under the Election Commission.**

#### NOTIFICATION BY THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

**No.C.3001/2018**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 16(2) of the Advocates Act, 1961, the High Court of Gujarat hereby makes the following amendments in 'The High Court of Gujarat Designation of Senior Advocates Rules, 2018' :-

- Short title and commencement:
  - These Rules shall be called "The High Court of Gujarat Designation of Senior Advocates (Amendment) Rules 2018" [No.1 of 2024].
  - They shall come into effect with immediate effect.
- Substitute the words 'such recommendation shall be placed before the Full Court' for the existing words 'such recommendation will be submitted to the Secretariat' appearing in Rule 7, after the words 'considered for designation as Senior Advocate.'
- Delete the words 'retired eligible Chief Justices/Judges of the High Courts and' appearing in Rule 9, after the words 'applications from'.
- Substitute Rule 11(2) as under :

'Such application shall be made in the proforma provided in Schedule-I to the Rules.'
- Delete existing Rule 12 (ii).

## 6. Substitute Rule 13 as under :

‘13. On receipt of applications received from Advocates, the Secretariat will compile the relevant data and information with regard to the reputation, conduct, integrity of the advocate(s) concerned including his/her participation in pro bono work, judgments (reported and unreported) in which the advocate(s) concerned had appeared, the number of such judgments for the last five years.’

## 7. Substitute Rule 18 as under :

The Committee will examine each case in the light of data provided by the Secretariat, hold interview/interact with the Advocate concerned and make its overall assessment on the basis of a point based indicated below :

Si. No.	Matter	Points
1	Number of years of practice of the applicant – Advocate from the date of enrolment. (As per the guidelines issued by Hon’ble Supreme Court in the judgment dated 04.05.2022, instead of 10 marks to be allocated to a counsel who has put in between 10 to 20 years of practice, the marks allocated commensurate with the standing of the person at the bar, i.e. to say, one mark each shall be allocated for every year of practice between 10 to 20 years)	20
2	Judgments (reported and unreported) which indicate the legal formulations advanced by the advocate concerned in the course of the proceedings of the case; pro bono work done by the advocate concerned; domain expertise of the applicant advocate in various branches of law, such as Constitutional law, Inter State Water Disputes, Criminal law, Arbitration law, Corporate law, Family law, Human Rights, Public Interest Litigation, International law, law relating to women, etc.	50
3	Publication of academic articles, experience of teaching assignments in the field of law, guest lectures delivered in law schools and professional institutions connected with law.	5
4	Test of personality and suitability on the basis of interview/interaction.	25

## 8. Substitute Rule 19(1) as under :

‘All the names that are listed before the committee/cleared by the committee shall be placed before the Full Court.’

## 9. Delete existing Rule 20.

## 10. Substitute Rule 21 as under :

‘There shall be no voting by secret ballot save in an exceptional situation, for reasons to be recorded.’

## 11. Substitute Rule 22 as under :

‘All cases which are not favourably considered by the Full Court shall be reviewed/reconsidered after the expiry of two years from the date of the decision of the Full Court by following the procedure applicable at that time.

Provided that this will not prevent the Advocate from making an application to a High Court for designation as a Senior Advocate after two years.’

## 12. Substitute Rule 23 as under :

‘All cases deferred by the Full Court for being designated as Senior Advocate shall not be considered until the expiry of one year from the date of the decision of the Full Court. After the expiry of the period, the Advocate may apply afresh or update his application in terms of the procedure applicable on the date of the fresh application/updated application.’

## 13. Delete existing Rule 24.

## 14. Delete Schedule II to the existing rules.

## 15. Substitute the following new Schedule - I for the existing Schedule - I of the Rules :

**THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT DESIGNATION OF  
SENIOR ADVOCATES RULES, 2018  
APPLICATION-CUM-CONSENT LETTER  
FOR BEING DESIGNATED AS SENIOR ADVOCATE**

**SCHEDULE - I**

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1	Name of the Applicant-Advocate (Mr./Mrs./Ms.)		
2	Father's / Husband Name		
3	Date of Birth		
4	Age (as on DD/MM/YYYY)		
5	Address in full :		
	(i) Office Address - (ii) Residential Address -		
6	Contact Details :		
	(i) Landline No. - (ii) Mobile No. -		
	(iii) Email and Social media accounts, if any		
7	Educational / Professional Qualifications : (Mention award of prize, scholarship, fellowship or any other distinction.)		
8	Date of Enrolment as Advocate and enrolment number		
9	Bar Council, where registered		
10	Standing as an Advocates as on date of notice inviting application		
11	Whether Member of High Court Bar Association		
12	Place/Courts where practicing : (Court- wise period may be indicated)	Courts	Duration
			From      To
13	Tribunal(s) where the applicant has specialized practice (Applicable to those practicing before Tribunals)	Tribunal	Duration
			From      To
14	Nature of practice - Civil, Criminal, Constitutional, Taxation, Labour, Company, Service, etc.		

15	Field of law-domain expertise (such as, Constitutional law, Inter-State Water Disputes, Criminal law, Arbitration law, Corporate law, Family law, Human Rights, Public Interest Litigation, International law, law relating to women) in which the applicant has specialization/expertise.				
16	Number of reported judgments (excluding orders that do not lay down any principle of law) in the last five years in cases in which the applicant has appeared as - (i) lead arguing counsel; and (ii) assisting counsel		Lead Arguing Counsel (Number of Judgments only)		Assisting Counsel (Number of Judgments only)
17	Number of unreported judgments (excluding orders that do not lay down any principle of law) in the last five years in cases in which the applicant has appeared as - (i) lead arguing counsel; and (ii) assisting counsel		Lead Arguing Counsel (Number of Judgments only)		Assisting Counsel (Number of Judgments only)
18	Details of Pro bono work during last five years				
19	Five synopses for evaluation (Copies of synopses to be attached)				
20	Whether held any position in Bar Council/Bar Association; if so, details thereof.				
21	Articles/books published, experience of teaching assignments in the field of law, guest lectures delivered in law schools or professional institutions connected with law.		Academic Articles	Teaching assignment/s	Guest lectures delivered in law schools or professional institutions connected with law
22	Whether the Applicant had applied earlier; if so, detailed current status thereof may be indicated.				
23	Whether the Applicant has applied before any other High Court, if so, detailed current status thereof may be indicated.				
24	Whether employed at any time either on part-time or full time basis, if so, give status and period and the reasons for leaving.				
25	Whether appointed as Receiver / Commissioner / Observer / Amicus Curiae in any case. If so, give full particulars thereof.				
26	Whether any FIR has ever been filed against you; if so, detailed current status thereof may be indicated.				
27	Whether party to any civil, criminal or other litigation. If so, the nature of involvement.				
28 (i)	(a)	Have you ever been arrested ?			
	(b)	Have you ever been prosecuted ?			
	(c)	Have you ever been kept under detention ?			
	(d)	Is any stricture passed against you by any Court of Law ?			
	(e)	Have you ever been fined by a Court of Law ?			

	(f)	Have you ever been convicted by a Court of Law for any Offense ?	
	(g)	Have you ever been debarred from any examination or rusticated by any authority/institution ?	
	(h)	Have you ever been debarred / disqualified by any Public Commission / Authority ?	
	(i)	Is any case pending against you in any Court of Law at the time of filling up this Form ?	
(ii)		If the answer to any of the above-mentioned question is 'Yes' give full particulars of the case / arrest / detention / fine / stricture / conviction / sentence / punishment etc. and / or the nature of the case pending in the Court / authority or institution etc. at the time of filling up this form.	
29		Whether any proceedings were initiated or are pending against you before Bar Council of India or State Bar Council. If so, particulars thereof.	
30		General state of health	
31		Any other information :	

**DECLARATION:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ Advocate hereby give consent for being designated as Senior Advocate.

I hereby verify that the information furnished above is true and correct to best of my knowledge and belief. Nothing material is concealed or suppressed therefrom. I understand that furnishing of false information or suppression of any factual information would render me unfit from being designated as Senior Advocate.

**Signature of the Applicant**

**Note :** Applicants should read instructions attached herewith while filling up the Application-cum-Consent Letter.

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED WHILE FILING UP "APPLICATION-CUM-CONSENT LETTER" FOR BEING DESIGNATED AS SENIOR ADVOCATE**

1.	Every Application-cum-Consent Letter, in the prescribed format shall be made in English, typed/printed with font size (Arial-12) in double spacing on one side of the white paper (A4 Size) with an inner margin of about four centimeters width on top and on the left side.
2.	Documents accompanying the Application should be numbered consecutively in the Index, in all sets of Application.
3.	All documents annexed to the Application should be accompanied by an Index containing the details thereof. (The Registry, at any stage, may ask for the supportive documents for verification in the light of the facts mentioned in the Application).
4.	Name of the Applicant should tally with his/her name in his/her as mentioned in his/her enrollment certificate. Abbreviated name shall NOT be accepted.
5.	The Application should be presented in the shape of a Paper Book, duly tagged & indexed and not in spiral binding and the like.
6.	All photocopies of the accolades/testimonials should be legible and true copy of their respective originals.
7.	Required number of sets of the Application in the form of Paper Book, identical in all respects, should be filed.
8.	Passport size photograph (original) should be pasted on each copy of the Application-cum-Consent Letter.
9.	The Application should be accompanied by its soft copy in searchable PDF format in a pen-drive.

**PRESCRIBED FORMATS****LEAD ARGUING COUNSEL****(List of Reported Judgments (excluding orders not laying down any principle of law) in the last five years)**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Court(s)</b>	<b>Citation/Case Number</b>	<b>Cause Title and Subject Matter</b>	<b>Decided on</b>	<b>Legal formulations advanced by the applicant</b>

**ASSISTING COUNSEL****(List of Reported Judgments (excluding orders not laying down any principle of law) in the last five years)**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Court(s)</b>	<b>Citation/Case Number</b>	<b>Cause Title and Subject Matter</b>	<b>Decided on</b>	<b>Legal formulations advanced by the applicant</b>

**LEAD ARGUING COUNSEL****(List of Unreported Judgments (excluding orders not laying down any principle of law) in the last five years)**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Court(s)</b>	<b>Citation/Case Number</b>	<b>Cause Title and Subject Matter</b>	<b>Decided on</b>	<b>Legal formulations advanced by the applicant</b>

**ASSISTING COUNSEL****(List of Unreported Judgments (excluding orders not laying down any principle of law) in the last five years)**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Court(s)</b>	<b>Citation/Case Number</b>	<b>Cause Title and Subject Matter</b>	<b>Decided on</b>	<b>Legal formulations advanced by the applicant</b>

**List of matters in which you have appeared as Pro-Bono/Amicus Curiae in the last five years**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Court(s)</b>	<b>Citation/Case Number</b>	<b>Cause Title</b>	<b>Decided on</b>	<b>Reportable/Unreportable</b>

**Details of five Synopses**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Court(s)</b>	<b>Case Number</b>	<b>Cause Title</b>	<b>Details</b>

Details of academic articles/books published, experience of teaching assignments in the field of law, guest lectures delivered in law schools or professional institutions connected with law.

Sr. No.	Topic of published academic articles/ Books/Lecture/ Courses	Experience details of teaching assignment and guest lectures delivered in law schools or professional institutions connected with law	Names of law school or professional institutions connected with law	Any other relevant details

Date: July 24, 2024

MOOLCHAND TYAGI,  
Registrar General.

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